

**C**arl A. Carlson, age 87, of Albert City, Iowa, died on Sunday, June 21, 2009, at the Pleasant View Home at Albert City.

Carl August Carlson, the son of John and Alma (Blomberg) Carlson, was born on October 9, 1921, on the family farm in rural Pocahontas County. As an infant, he was baptized at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (formerly Ljunghed Lutheran Church) in Albert City. He was confirmed there in 1937 and remained a lifelong member. He regularly attended worship services as long as his strength permitted.

Carl attended school through the eighth grade at Marshal Township #9. He graduated in 1936, receiving his diploma at a county-wide ceremony held in Pocahontas.

In 1940, at the age of 19, Carl was stricken with polio which left him with many physical challenges. With patience, determination and creativity, he progressed from being unable to walk without assistance to independently raising livestock and farming.

He loved nature and being outdoors. After retiring from farming, he continued to expand his vegetable and flower gardens. He enjoyed planting new varieties and had flowers blooming from early spring to late fall. During the winter months, he enjoyed reading, baking, and watching the assortment of birds that flocked to the feeders outside his kitchen window. His ceaseless quest for knowledge sent him to the dictionary and encyclopedia or other resource books for any bit of information concerning a bird, a plant, or a word that was new to him. He was able to retain what he learned and shared it for the benefit of others. The radio was Carl's choice for news, weather, and more recently, worship services.

Carl was a resident of the Pleasant View Home at Albert City from February 2, 2009, until his death on June 21, 2009.

He is survived by his sister: Florence Porath of Albert City, Iowa, his nieces and nephews: Delmar and Jean Carlson, Denise and Steve Sassman, Deb and Jim Travis, Darla and Dan Vonahme, Doug Porath and Phyllis Hyde, Cynthia and Gary Lenhart, Diane and Neal McIntosh, special cousins: Ann and Roy Chase, many great nieces and nephews, great great nieces and nephews, and many other relatives, here and in Sweden, and his friends.

# In Loving Memory



For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain

Philippians 1:21

**Carl A. Carlson**

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To everything there is a season, and a time to  
every purpose under heaven. A time to plant  
and a time to harvest. As God sows and reaps  
each tiny seed in the soil, He cares for us from  
first light and far beyond our earthly toil.

— Ecclesiastes 3



**W**e wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church following the burial.

 Carl's Family

## IN MEMORY OF

### Carl A. Carlson

October 9, 1921  June 21, 2009

#### Funeral Service

Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church — Albert City, Iowa

#### Clergy

Reverend A. Pete Petersen

#### Organist

Margit Behrens

#### Soloist

Neal McIntosh

"Hymn of Promise"

#### Congregational Singing

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

"It Is Well With My Soul"

#### Casket Bearers

Doyle Carlson	Tom Aronson
Diane McIntosh	Doug Porath
Deb Travis	Delmar Carlson

#### Interment

Fairfield Township Cemetery — Albert City, Iowa



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